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people that if I were to be persuaded to support gambling, it would be for the least and most controlled amount of gambling. And that doesn't mean one place in Omaha, Nebraska, let me hasten to add. It occurred to me overnight, and I'll throw it out because I think it's relevant until I'm hammered down. I don't know why we made that interdiction zone in LR 14CA, the longest two-mile strip in the western world. You know the way to put that in a constitution so it'd have some heft, so it'd matter, is to provide for five one-acre interdiction zones. And then define facility so that it must be wholly contained, physically, electronically, and in every other way on the one acre, and lock that up in the constitution and then come have the debate in the Legislature about who gets the oligarchy, the five priceless licenses that we would have located and controlled because we reserved the right to site exactly where the five would go. And we all want to be an oligarch, right? Have you thought about how priceless those licenses would be, if you really did define them so that they really meant something, and so that they could not be expanded, and they could not be made larger, and their tentacles could not circumnavigate the whole state, and draw everybody in? That might really be a regulatory scheme instead of a pretense at one. We're going to limit gambling. It's going to be in this huge geographic area. Let's pick the areas. Let's say five one-acre spots, five facilities, and define the facility. Then let's have the legislative session that determines where the five are and where they will be located, and then we will have done something. Now in this instance, as I understand it, what we'll do is we'll say, oh, we'll decide it here. Well, that's until...that's until, what, '07, and then 20 of us will walk out. And in comes the new 20 senators recruited by the gaming industry. We will have candidates and they will have money. And the whole system of government will be about what the Legislature is going to decide about gaming and gambling,...

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...and so on, and so forth. And that's what's going to consume us forever, since we put nothing in it. Now we've gone from putting in the pedantic language to putting in absolutely nothing that would restrict the Legislature at any